

HGRM: Our Story

Household Goods Recycling of Massachusetts (HGRM) is an independent, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization in Acton, MA that distributes gently used household goods free of charge to individuals and families in need.

HGRM began in 1990 when Barb and Ira Smith offered to collect household goods to help resettle an El Salvadoran refugee who fled her country with her children but little else. The overwhelming response from the Smiths' call to friends and neighbors resulted in far more usable goods than expected. They soon discovered that far too many other families in the region were living without basic household goods. They realized that this need could be met by calling on the generosity of people in the surrounding communities.

Today, HGRM is a thriving volunteer-driven organization serving thousands of individuals and families from its 9,600 square foot space on Main Street in Acton.



Our Neighbors in Need

The people HGRM serves have at least one thing in common - they need help during a difficult time. They come from over 40 communities in eastern Massachusetts, including Acton and the surrounding towns.

HGRM clients are individuals and families in transition who need help to rebuild their lives. They include victims of fires or floods, women and children escaping domestic abuse, people coming out of homeless shelters or halfway houses, veterans of war and recent refugees in the U.S.

In addition to serving thousands in need, HGRM makes it easy for those who are downsizing, reorganizing or redecorating to "recycle" their gently used possessions, knowing they will be put to good use and kept out of landfills.

Our Statistics:

Every year, we keep 30,000 large items and 13,000 boxes of smaller items out of landfills. Over 250 volunteers work with more than 300 social service agencies to help over 4,000 families a year make their homes and begin to rebuild their lives.



You Can Help Visit www.HGRM.org

Donate Goods

Drop off good quality furniture and household items at 530 Main Street (Rt. 27) Acton on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 9-12 noon. Limited pick-up service is available in Acton and the surrounding towns for large essential items. Call (978) 635-1710 ext. 4 or e-mail pickup@HGRM.org.

Donate Cash or Securities

Although our volunteers work miracles, we still have major overhead costs - such as rent, utilities, insurance and gas. Your tax-deductible donation will help keep HGRM in operation. Make a secure donation through our website, or send in the form on the back of this brochure.

Donate Your Time

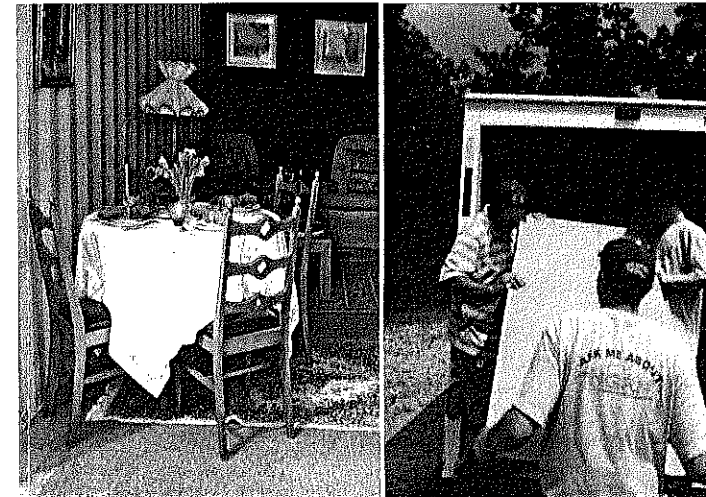
HGRM needs volunteers. If you can spare as little as three hours a month, we can find a gratifying way for you to spend it. Visit our website for more details, or contact our Volunteer Coordinator at (978) 635-1710 ext. 6 or e-mail volunteers@HGRM.org.

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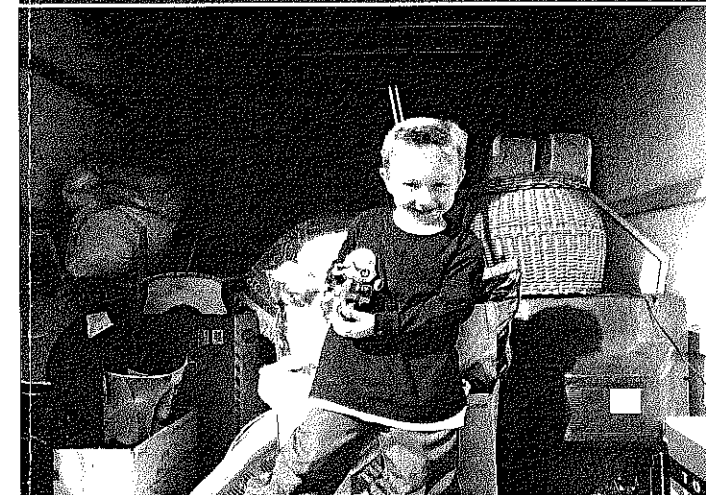
We always need:

- Mattresses, box springs and metal bed frames in queen, full and twin sizes
- Living room chairs, sofas and tables
- Kitchen and dining room tables and chairs
- Dressers and nightstands
- Playpens, portable cribs and changing tables (if compliant with federal safety standards)
- Sheets, blankets, comforters, mattress pads and towels
- Sets of dishes, glasses and flatware
- Pots and pans, kitchen utensils and small appliances
- Refrigerators, washing machines, electric dryers, microwave ovens, televisions and vacuum cleaners
- Any items needed to set up a household (except clothing, food and most books)

**We happily accept clean,
functional items in good
working condition.**



Helping People Make a Home



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Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

☐ Check enclosed payable to Household Goods Recycling of Massachusetts (HGRM) *

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Account # _____ Exp. Date _____

Amount to charge credit card \$ _____ Signature _____